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CAPTAIN MARVEL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN

UNABLE TO SAY THE MAGIC WORDS WHICH WOULD CHANGE THEM INTO THE MIGHTY MARVEL FAMILY, BILLY BATSON, THE BOY, CAPTAIN MARVEL AND MARY BATSON ARE CAUGHT IN THE MOST TERRIBLE TRAP OF THEIR LIVES AS THEY FACE A LIVING NIGHTMARE IN THE TREACHEROUS TOMB OF

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BATTLES THE TENEMENT TERROR

WHEN MARY AND BILLY BATSON SAY THE NAME OF THE ANCIENT SORCERER, SHAZAM, AND WHEN FREDDY FREEMAN SAYS THE NAME OF HIS HERO, CAPTAIN MARVEL, THE THREE YOUNGSTERS INSTANTLY ARE CHANGED INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST FAMILY— THE MARVEL FAMILY!
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THOSE TENEMENT BUILDINGS?
HOLY MOLEY!
WE'LL SOON FIND OUT!
CHAPTER ONE
THE MELTING MYSTERY

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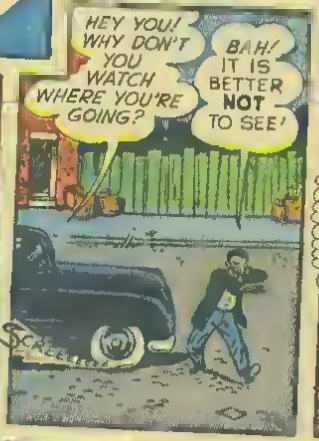
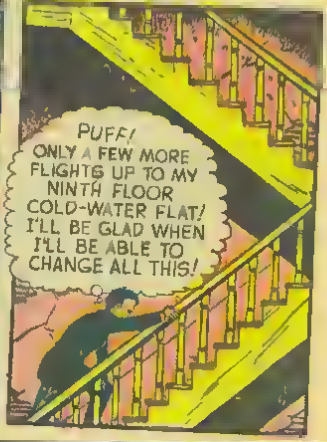
THIS IS THE WHIZ BUILDING, STATELY AND MAGNIFICENT!

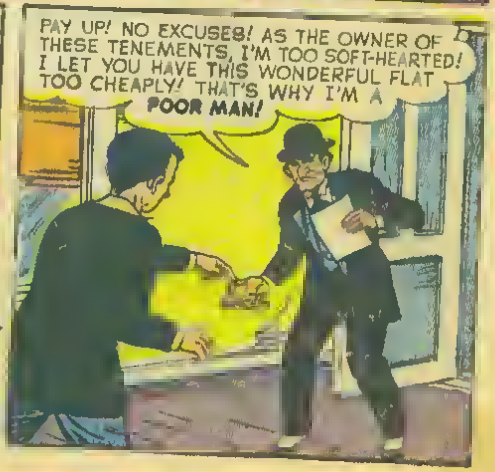
YET ONE THING MARS ITS MAGNIFICENCE, FOR ON ONE SIDE IT OVERLOOKS AN UGLY AREA OF TENEMENT SLUMS!

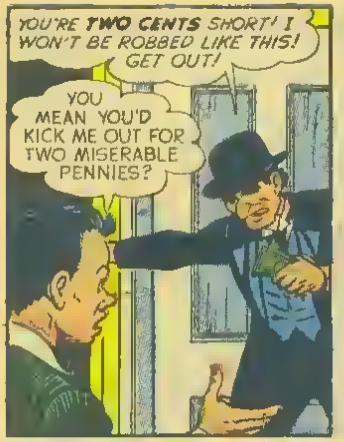
BUT IN THOSE SLUMS LIVES ONE GAYLORD TINZBOROUGH, AN ARTIST WHOSE SENSITIVE SOUL WRITHES AT THE UGLINESS SURROUNDING HIM!
NECESSITY FORCES ME TO LIVE HERE IN POVERTY! BUT I DON'T HAVE TO LOOK!


HEY YOU! WHY DON'T YOU WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING?
BAH! IT IS BETTER NOT TO SEE!
SCREEE

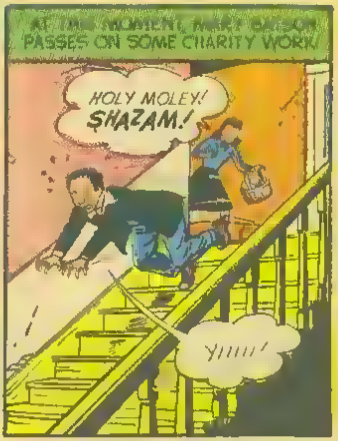

PUFF! ONLY A FEW MORE FLIGHTS UP TO MY NINTH FLOOR COLD-WATER FLAT! I'LL BE GLAD WHEN I'LL BE ABLE TO CHANGE ALL THIS!

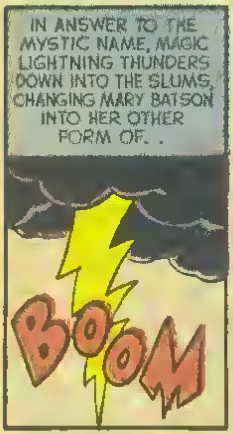
OH...OH! THE LANDLORD! I'LL PAY YOU TOMORROW, MR. MSPINCH, ON MY WORD OF HONOR!
YOU'LL PAY THE RENT RIGHT NOW, GAYLORD--OR OUT YOU GO!


PAY UP! NO EXCUSES! AS THE OWNER OF THESE TENEMENTS, I'M TOO SOFT-HEARTED! I LET YOU HAVE THIS WONDERFUL FLAT TOO CHEAPLY! THAT'S WHY I'M A POOR MAN!


YOU'RE TWO CENTS SHORT! I WON'T BE ROBBED LIKE THIS! GET OUT!
YOU MEAN YOU'D KICK ME OUT FOR TWO MISERABLE PENNIES?

I CERTAINLY DO! GET OUT! MAYBE I CAN GET MORE RENT OUT OF THE NEXT TENANT!
OOF!
BOO!


AT THE MOMENT, MARY BATSON PASSES ON SOME CHARITY WORK!
HOLY MOLEY! SHAZAM!
YIIIII!

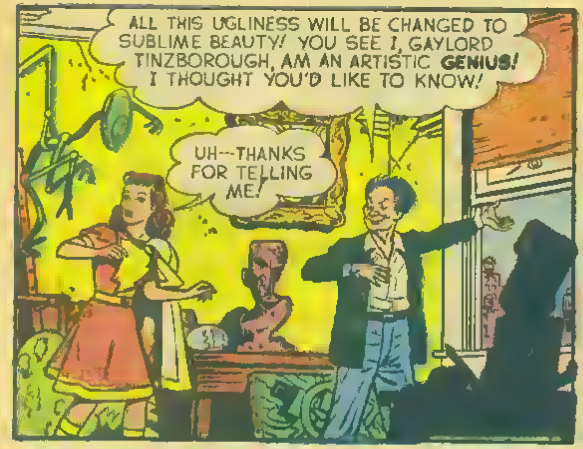

IN ANSWER TO THE MYSTIC NAME, MAGIC LIGHTNING THUNDERS DOWN INTO THE SLUMS, CHANGING MARY BATSON INTO HER OTHER FORM OF. .
BOOM

...MARY MARVEL THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL!
GOT YOU!

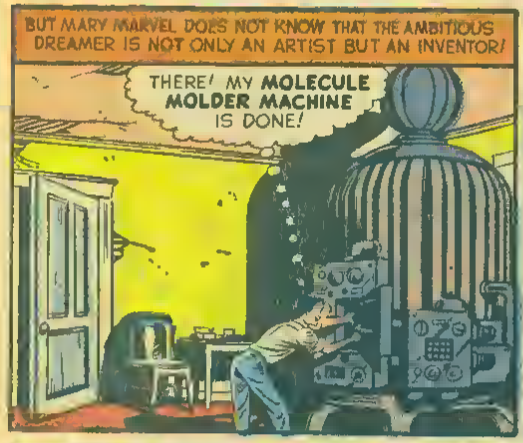
MR. McPINCH! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO THIS TIME?
TWO CENTS! THAT'S WHAT HE OWES ME FOR THE ROOMS! I KNOW MY RIGHTS! HE EITHER PAYS---OR GOES!

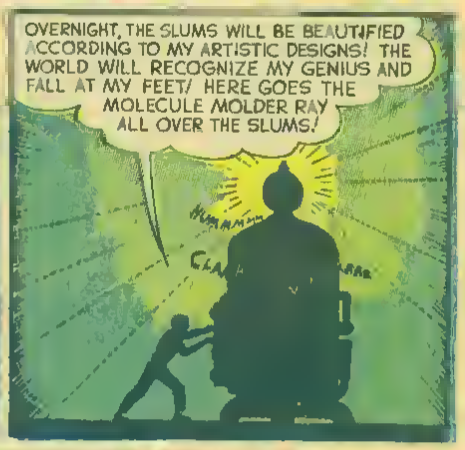
ALL RIGHT! I'LL PAY THE TWO CENTS! BUT FOR, ANOTHER TWO CENTS I'D---I'D---!
BAH! YOU DON'T DARE HIT ME! THE LAW IS ON MY SIDE!

LIFE IS SO MISERABLE IN THESE HORRIBLE SLUMS! IT'S TOO BAD THEY CAN'T BE CHANGED!
THEY WILL BE! COME IN!

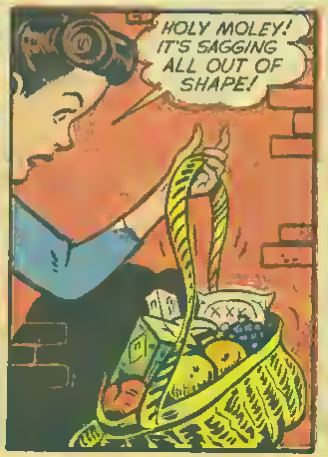

ALL THIS UGLINESS WILL BE CHANGED TO SUBLIME BEAUTY! YOU SEE I, GAYLORD TINZBOROUGH, AM AN ARTISTIC **GENIUS!** I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW!
UH---THANKS FOR TELLING ME!

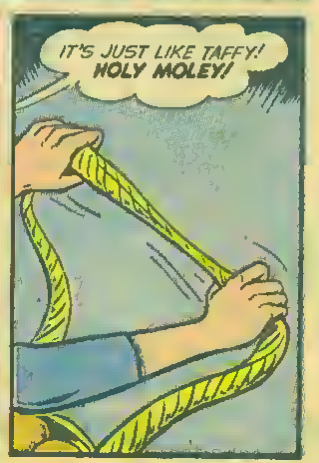
I'M GOING TO CHANGE THE WRETCHED TENEMENTS INTO SHEER LOVELINESS! ONE WAVE OF MY MAGIC WAND, AS IT WERE, AND **PRESTO!** IT WILL BE DONE!
GOODBYE NOW!
MAGIC WAND? POOR CHAP! WELL, HE'S HARMLESS!


BUT MARY MARVEL DOES NOT KNOW THAT THE AMBITIOUS DREAMER IS NOT ONLY AN ARTIST BUT AN INVENTOR!
THERE! MY **MOLECULE MOLDER MACHINE** IS DONE!

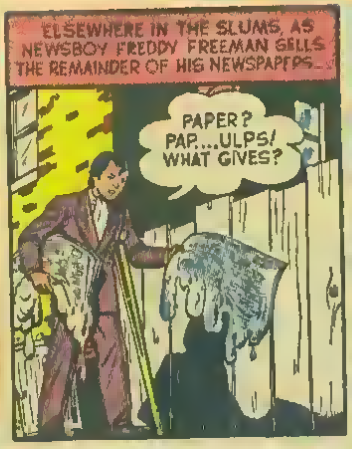

OVERNIGHT, THE SLUMS WILL BE BEAUTIFIED ACCORDING TO MY ARTISTIC DESIGNS! THE WORLD WILL RECOGNIZE MY GENIUS AND FALL AT MY FEET! HERE GOES THE MOLECULE MOLDER RAY ALL OVER THE SLUMS!

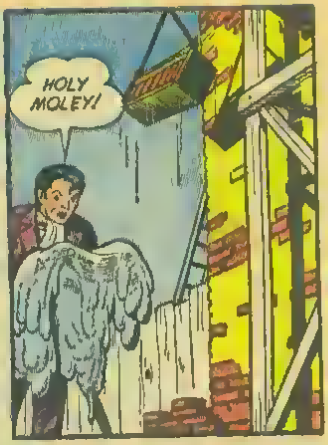
MEANWHILE, AS MARY BATSON CONTINUES HER CHARITY ROUNDS...
HEY! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THIS BASKET?

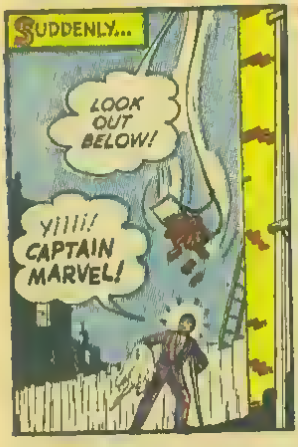

HOLY MOLEY! IT'S SAGGING ALL OUT OF SHAPE!

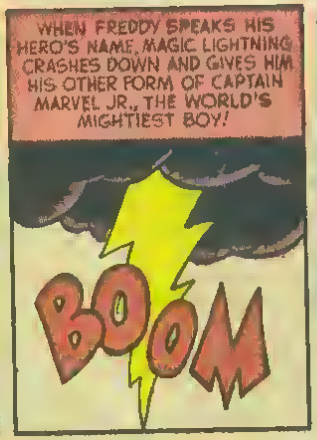

IT'S JUST LIKE TAFFY! **HOLY MOLEY!**

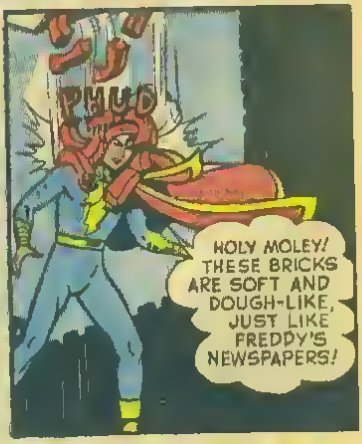
HOLY MOLEY! THAT LAMPPOST IS GETTING SOGGY, TOO! WHAT'S GOING ON?


ELSEWHERE IN THE SLUMS, AS NEWSBOY FREDDY FREEMAN SELLS THE REMAINDER OF HIS NEWSPAPERS...
PAPER? PAP...ULPS! WHAT GIVES?


HOLY MOLEY!


SUDDENLY...
LOOK OUT BELOW!
YIIII! CAPTAIN MARVEL!


WHEN FREDDY SPEAKS HIS HERO'S NAME, MAGIC LIGHTNING CRASHES DOWN AND GIVES HIM HIS OTHER FORM OF CAPTAIN MARVEL JR., THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY!
BOOM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HOLY MOLEY! THESE BRICKS ARE SOFT AND DOUGH-LIKE, JUST LIKE FREDDY'S NEWSPAPERS!

WHAT IN THE WORLD CAN CAUSE HARD BRICKS TO SOFTEN UP AND LOSE SHAPE COMPLETELY?

I'M GOING TO SEE BILLY BATSON! THIS IS SOMETHING FOR THE MARVEL FAMILY TO INVESTIGATE! HEY, THERE'S MARY MARVEL!
HI, JUNIOR!

YOU NOTICED THE SAME MYSTERY, EH? COME ON, WE'LL TELL BILLY ABOUT THIS!
HE SHOULD BE JUST FINISHING HIS NEWSCAST NOW!

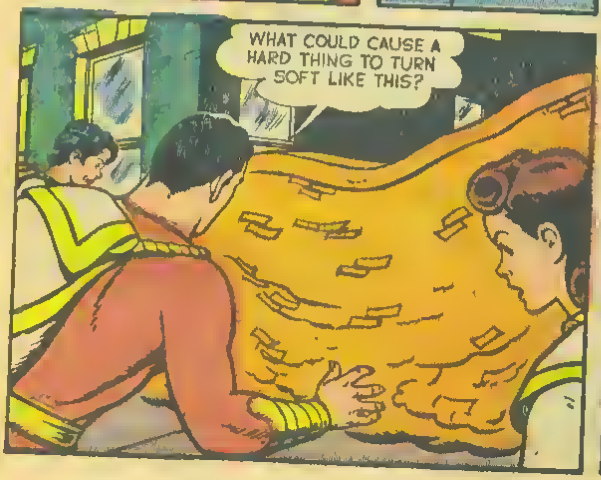
HA, HA! THINGS TURNING SOFT LIKE TAFFY OR DOUGH IN THE SLUMS! REALLY, DID YOU THINK I'D BITE?
HE THINKS WE'RE PULLING A PRACTICAL JOKE ON HIM!

WHY WOULD SOMETHING HARD AND FIRM SUDDENLY TURN SOFT AND SAG—GAWGOSH! MY MICROPHONE!

HOLY MOLEY! THEN IT'S TRUE! I'LL SAY THIS BEARS INVESTIGATION BY THE MARVEL FAMILY! SHAZAM!

MAGIC LIGHTNING AGAIN SPLITS THE SKY....
BOOM

...AND BILLY IS CHANGED INTO CAPTAIN MARVEL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!
COME ON! LET'S GO!


WHAT COULD CAUSE A HARD THING TO TURN SOFT LIKE THIS?

THE ANSWER LIES WITH GAYLORD TINZBOROUGH AND HIS STRANGE MACHINE!
GOODBYE, SLUMS! AND GOOD RIDDANCE! STEP ONE HAS BEEN LAUNCHED! WHEN I'M THROUGH, THE TENEMENTS WILL BE BEAUTIFUL! AS WE GENIUSES SAY—EUREKA!

MEANWHILE.....
HELP! HELP!
WHY, THAT'S SIMON McPINCH'S HOUSE!
HELP!
HOLY MOLEY! IT'S THE MISER'S MONEY ROOM—AND IT'S ALL TURNING SOFT, TOO! HE'S STUCK!
DON'T SAVE ME, YOU FOOL! SAVE MY MONEY---MY PRECIOUS MONEY!
WHAT A MISER! YOU EVEN PLACE MONEY ABOVE YOUR OWN SAFETY!
HOLD BACK MY MONEY! DON'T LET IT COME OUT!
WE CAN'T! IT'S LIKE TRYING TO HOLD BACK A FLOOD!
MY MONEY! MY MONEY!
COME ON! WE CAN'T WASTE TIME HERE! I JUST HAD A HORRIBLE THOUGHT!
THIS SOFTENING HAS HAPPENED TO ALL KINDS OF SMALL THINGS! BUT WHAT IF IT'S ALSO HAPPENING TO BIG THINGS---LIKE BUILDINGS?
HOLY MOLEY---LOOK! THE BUILDINGS ARE STARTING TO SAG!
THE WHOLE SLUM AREA IS FACING DISASTER! HOLY MOLEY!
WHAT HAS GAYLORD TINZBOROUGH STARTED? WILL THE ENTIRE SLUM AREA SLOWLY SAG AND FINALLY COLLAPSE INTO A GIANT PUDDLE OF SOFTNESS? CAN EVEN THE MARVEL FAMILY, MIGHTY THOUGH THEY ARE, STOP THE OMINOUS MELTING CATASTROPHE? READ CHAPTER TWO---THE TRAP OF SOFTNESS!

WEATHER: COOL TODAY, HOT TAMALE!

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PRICE: ANYTHING WE CAN GET

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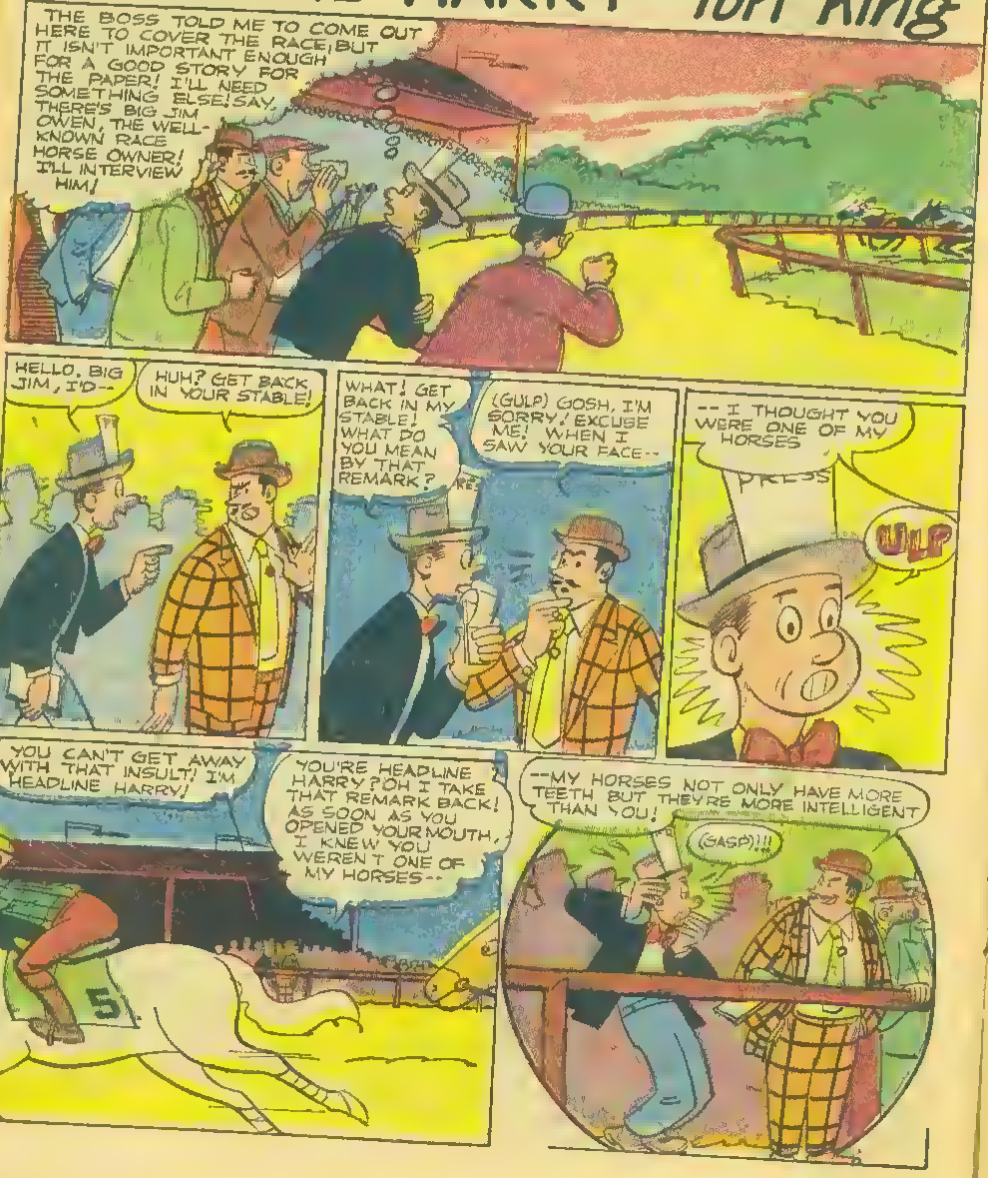
HEADLINE HARRY--"Turf King"


THE BOSS TOLD ME TO COME OUT HERE TO COVER THE RACE; BUT IT ISN'T IMPORTANT ENOUGH FOR A GOOD STORY FOR THE PAPER! I'LL NEED SOMETHING ELSE! SAY, THERE'S BIG JIM OWEN, THE WELL-KNOWN RACE HORSE OWNER! I'LL INTERVIEW HIM!
HELLO, BIG JIM, I'D--
HUH? GET BACK IN YOUR STABLE!
WHAT! GET BACK IN MY STABLE! WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT REMARK?
(GULP) GOSH, I'M SORRY! EXCUSE ME! WHEN I SAW YOUR FACE--
-- I THOUGHT YOU WERE ONE OF MY HORSES
PRESS
GULP
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THAT INSULT! I'M HEADLINE HARRY!
YOU'RE HEADLINE HARRY? OH I TAKE THAT REMARK BACK! AS SOON AS YOU OPENED YOUR MOUTH, I KNEW YOU WEREN'T ONE OF MY HORSES--
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--MY HORSES NOT ONLY HAVE MORE TEETH BUT THEY'RE MORE INTELLIGENT THAN YOU!
(GASP)!!!

IS THAT SO? WELL, I'M POSITIVE YOUR HORSES ARE SMARTER THAN YOU, TOO!
OH YEAH! WHY?
BECAUSE I HEAR YOU'RE ALWAYS LOSING YOUR MONEY ON THE RACES!
(SIGH) THAT'S TRUE! I LOSE ALL THE TIME!
GOSH, I BET YOU FEEL BAD WHEN YOU LOSE!
OH, I WOULDN'T MIND LOSING IF THE TRACK WASN'T SO CROWDED!
WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH IT?
THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH ROOM TO LIFT MY ARM!
HUH? NOT ENOUGH ROOM TO LIFT YOUR ARM?
YEAH--
--TO CUT MY THROAT!
GASP!
BUT I THOUGHT YOU HAD SUCH A GOOD STABLE! ISN'T SUN FLOW ONE OF YOUR HORSES?
YES, HE IS.
SUN FLOW
UPSIDE DOWNS
GATE C

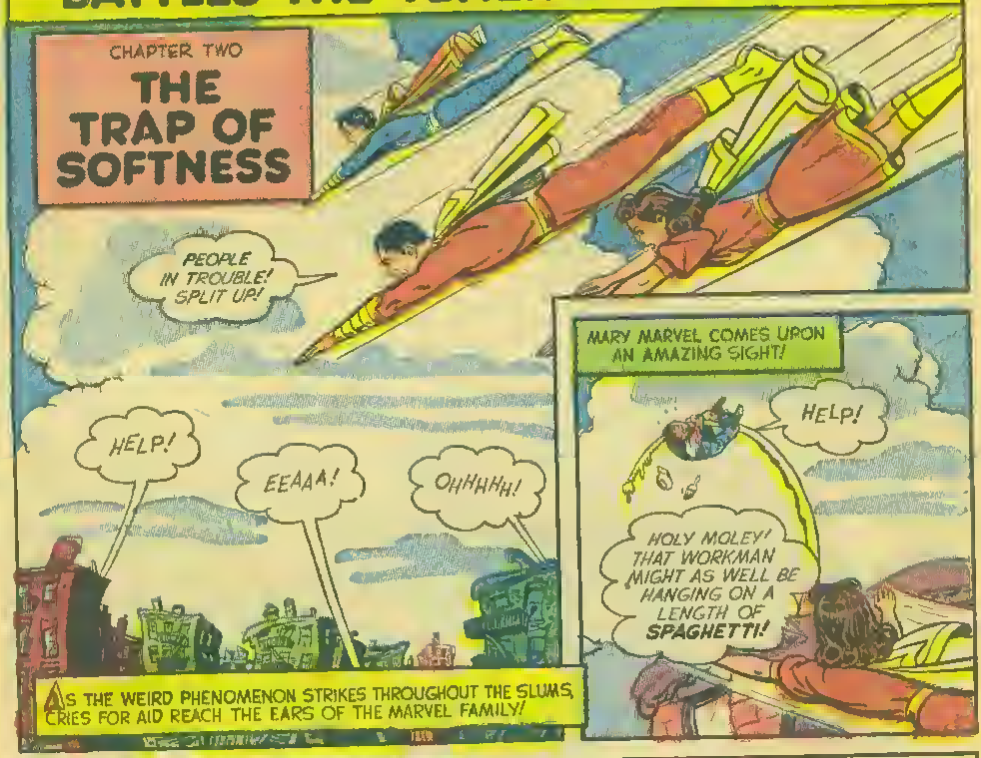
WELL I HEARD YOU ONCE SAY THAT SUN FLOW WAS POETRY IN MOTION!
HE IS--
UPSIDE DOWN?
--HE RHYMES WITH BLINKS!
(GASP)!!!
TSK, DIDN'T HE EVER WIN A RACE?
I DON'T KNOW--
SUN FLOW
-- I'VE ONLY OWNED HIM SEVEN YEARS.
!!!
WELL, IF YOU WANT MY OPINION, THE REASON YOU HAVEN'T ANY LUCK BETTING IS BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T A SYSTEM!
HUH? A SYSTEM?
3
"THAT'S RIGHT! YOU OUGHT TO USE THE HUNCH SYSTEM!
THE HUNCH SYSTEM?
YUP! YOU SEE, I ONCE BET ON A HORSE BECAUSE I HAD A TERRIFIC HUNCH!
IS THAT SO?

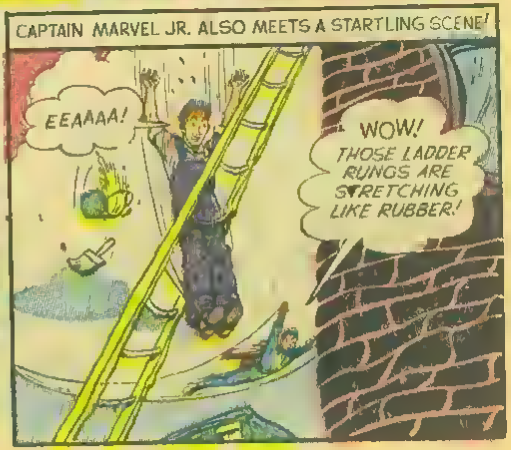
YES! IT WAS THE SEVENTH DAY OF THE MONTH, MY NEPHEW'S SEVENTH BIRTHDAY AND I WOKE UP AT EXACTLY SEVEN O'CLOCK!
SO I BET SEVEN DOLLARS ON HORSE NUMBER SEVEN!
AND IT WON?
NO -- IT CAME IN SEVENTH!
(GASP)!!!
(GRRRRR) I HAVE ENOUGH TROUBLE WITH MY HORSES WITHOUT YOU MAKING IT WORSE! GET OUT OF HERE!
OKAY, BUT BEFORE I GO --
-- HERE'S MY SHIRT!
HUH? (GASP) WHAT'S THE IDEA OF GIVING ME YOUR SHIRT?
R-I-P!
BBCAUSE YOU'LL NEED IT! EVERYONE WHO BETS ON HORSES WINDS UP LOSING HIS SHIRT!
(ULP)!!
GOSH, HEADLINE HARRY THAT'S A FINE RACING ARTICLE YOU WROTE!
I AGREE WITH YOU, BOSS! AND I LIKE MY CONCLUDING SENTENCE THE BEST -- WHEN A MAN FOLLOWS THE HORSES HE GOES TO THE DOGS!

THE MARVEL FAMILY
BATTLES THE TENEMENT TERROR

CHAPTER TWO

THE TRAP OF SOFTNESS


PEOPLE IN TROUBLE! SPLIT UP!
HELP!
EEAAA!
OHHHHH!
AS THE WEIRD PHENOMENON STRIKES THROUGHOUT THE SLUMS, CRIES FOR AID REACH THE EARS OF THE MARVEL FAMILY!
MARY MARVEL COMES UPON AN AMAZING SIGHT!
HELP!
HOLY MOLEY! THAT WORKMAN MIGHT AS WELL BE HANGING ON A LENGTH OF SPAGHETTI!



BUT I'VE GOT YOU!
WHEW!
BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL HITS THE JACKPOT!
THOSE ROPES SOFTENED AND STRETCHED! HE'S GOING DOWN LIKE AN EXPRESS ELEVATOR! HOLY MOLEY!
YAAAAA!
BROTHER! THAT WAS CLOSE!
CRASH!
WHEN THE MARVEL FAMILY MEETS AGAIN....
YIPES! EVEN THE STREET IS TURNING SOGGY NOW!
AND STICKY!
LOOK AT THAT CAR!
WHAT CAN I DO?
THE WHOLE CAR IS SLOWLY MELTING DOWN INTO A SLUGGISH MESS!
BUT LOOK--SOMETHING FAR WORSE!
THAT TENEMENT BUILDING IS BULGING OUT AT ONE SIDE, ENDANGERING THOSE FAMILIES!
EEEAA!
HELP!
OHHH!

NO USE SHOVING AGAINST THE BULGE! OUR HANDS JUST SINK IN!
ONLY ONE THING TO DO---BRING THEM ALL OUT!
MY BUILDINGS! MY WONDERFUL REAL ESTATE! WHO'S DOING THIS TO ME? WHO'S WRECKING MY PROPERTY AND STEALING THE BREAD FROM MY MOUTH?
WHAT'S WRONG, MR. McPINCH? DOWN TO YOUR LAST MILLION?
STOP WHINING! THIS ISN'T HURTING YOU AS MUCH AS THE PEOPLE! YOU'VE BEEN GOUGING OUT HIGH RENTS FOR YEARS! IN A WAY, I'M GLAD THESE MISERABLE SLUMS ARE FALLING APART! THEY WERE A FRIGHTFUL EYESORE!
AHA! SO THAT'S IT? NOW I SEE IT ALL! YOU MARVELS ARE DOING THIS! AHA!
WHAT? WHY, THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
IS IT? POLICE! POLICE! ARREST THEM!
HOLY MOLEY! McPINCH IS OUT OF HIS MIND! HE REALLY THINKS WE'RE BEHIND IT!
IF WE GET ARRESTED ON HIS SILLY CHARGE, IT'LL KEEP US FROM SOLVING THIS WHOLE MYSTERY! WE CAN'T RUN FROM THE LAW, BUT WE CAN SAY---SHAZAM!
SHAZAM!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
TRIPLE MAGIC LIGHTNING CHANGES THE THREE MARVELS BACK TO THEIR OTHER FORMS OF
BOOOM

.....BILLY AND MARY BATSON AND FREDDY FREEMAN!
ARREST WHO?
THE MARVEL FAMILY AND-- EH? THEY'RE GONE!
BUT IF THEY DARE SHOW UP AGAIN, I'LL HAVE THEM ARRESTED ON SIGHT!
PSST! THIS WAY! GUESS WE BETTER NOT CHANGE FOR A WHILE!
BUT JUST WHO IS BEHIND THIS? IS IT SOME EVIL MASTER-MIND? BUT WHY WOULD HE ATTACK WORTHLESS SLUMS?
WAIT! GAYLORD TINZBOROUGH! HE RAVED ABOUT CHANGING THE SLUMS! I TOOK HIM FOR A CRACKPOT, BUT MAYBE HE'S BEHIND THIS!
HERE'S HIS PLACE!
MEPINCH MAY BE SEARCHING FOR THE MARVELS, SO WE'D BETTER NOT CHANGE YET!
KNOCK
MR. TINZBOROUGH! DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE IN THE SLUMS?
CERTAINLY! AND I DID IT! COME, SEE MY MACHINE!
BEHOLD! MY MOLECULE MOLDER! YOU LUCKY KIDS! YOU'RE THE FIRST TO SEE THE FLOWER OF MY GREAT GENIUS!
YOU MEAN THAT MACHINE TURNED EVERYTHING SOFT? BUT HOW? AND WHY?
I ONCE STUDIED MOLECULE PATTERNS, FOR ARTISTIC DESIGN! THAT'S HOW I STUMBLED ON THE SECRET OF LOOSENING MOLECULES OF MATTER, SO THAT THINGS ARE TURNED SOFT AND PLIABLE INSTEAD OF HARD AND FIRM!
HARD MATTER
LOCKED MOLECULES
PLIABLE MATTER
LOOSE MOLECULES
THIS SOFTENING PHASE IS ONLY TEMPORARY! SOON, I'M GOING TO REMODEL AND RESHAPE EVERYTHING IN THE SLUMS INTO BEAUTIFUL MODERNISTIC FORMS!
THEN YOU'RE NOT EVIL, THANK HEAVEN! YOUR AIM IS TO DO GOOD!

BUT YOUR METHOD IS TOO VIOLENT!
PEASANT! WHO ARE YOU TO TELL A GENIUS HOW TO WORK? WHAT'S MORE, I'M EVEN GOING TO CHANGE THE SLUM PEOPLE!
WITH ADDED POWER, MY MOLECULE MOLDER RAY CAN SOFTEN UP HUMAN FORMS, TOO WITHOUT HURTING THEM! THEN THEY CAN BE "REMODELED" INTO HANDSOME PEOPLE! IN FACT, LET ME TRY IT OUT ON YOU THREE KIDS RIGHT AWAY!
TUT, TUT! DON'T THANK ME FOR THE HONOR! HERE COMES THE RAY!
HOLY-MOLEY! HE'S A MADMAN!
BUT AS THE STRANGE SOFTENING RAY STRIKES THE YOUNGSTERS...
SHAZHAMSH!??
CAPSHAIN MARSHVELSH!??
SCHASHZAM!?
HOLY MOLEY! WE'VE TURNED SOFT, LIKE DOUGH! AND OUR VOCAL CORDS HAVE GONE SOFT, TOO, MAKING OUR WORDS DISTORTED!
YISH!
HOSH MOSH!
TUT, TUT! DON'T LOOK SO WORRIED! THIS IS ONLY TEMPORARY! NOW I'LL SHOW YOU HOW MY MACHINE CAN RE-SHAPE YOU INTO SOMETHING WONDERFUL!
OH DRAT! THE MACHINE JUST BROKE DOWN! HOW UNFORTUNATE!
POOF
OH WELL, I'LL REPAIR IT IN A FEW HOURS MAYBE!
FEW HOURS? BUT BY THEN WE'LL MELT AWAY INTO SHAPELESS PUDDLES!
UNABLE TO SPEAK THEIR MAGIC WORDS, THE THREE YOUNGSTERS FACE A HORRIBLE FATE! WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE MACHINE IS NOT REPAIRED IN TIME? READ CHAPTER THREE---THE LIVING NIGHTMARE!

BOXCAR BENNY
BUSINESS as USUAL
I'M GETTING HUNGRY! I'VE GOT TO MOOCH A DIME FROM SOMEONE FOR A BITE TO EAT!
LINCOLN SERVICE
AH! HERE COMES A CUSTOMER! HMM, HE LOOKS LIKE A BIG BUSINESSMAN!
HE'D NEVER GIVE ME ANY MONEY JUST LIKE THAT! I'LL HAVE TO PUT IT ON A BUSINESS BASIS!
EXCUSE ME, SIR, BUT COULD YOU LET ME HAVE A DIME?
A DIME! WHAT FOR?
ER, I HAVE SOME BILLS TO PAY!

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READY TO MATCH WITS AGAINST OUR REBUS TEASERS AGAIN? IT'S A LITTLE PUZZLING TO START WITH, BUT YOU'LL GET THE HANG OF IT SOON! HERE'S A SAMPLE OF HOW IT OPERATES.

NEST EGG

IT'S WISE TO STAY AWAY FROM THESE!

THIS MEANS NOTHING IN SPORTING LINGO

TIGHT! MUST BE PUTTING ON WEIGHT!

HERE'S A POPULAR NEW YORK EATING PLACE!

WELCOME

AN AIRPLANE PILOT WOULD BE BREAKING THE LAW IF HE DID THIS!

YOU'LL CROWN YOURSELF IF YOU DON'T GET THIS!

HERE ARE THE ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES!

JACK AND THE BEAN STALK

HORSE OPERA

MOVING PICTURES

THE ANSWERS TO THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES WILL APPEAR HERE NEXT MONTH!

MONEY PLAYER

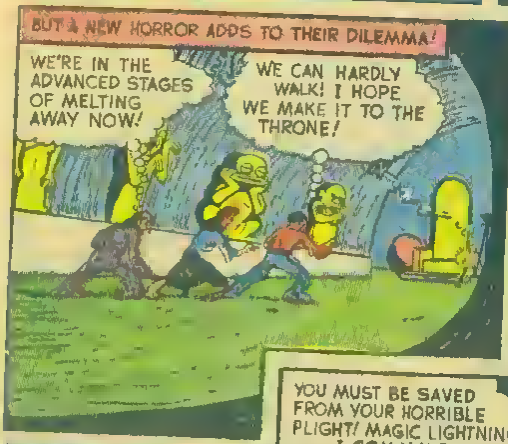
HOT HOUSE

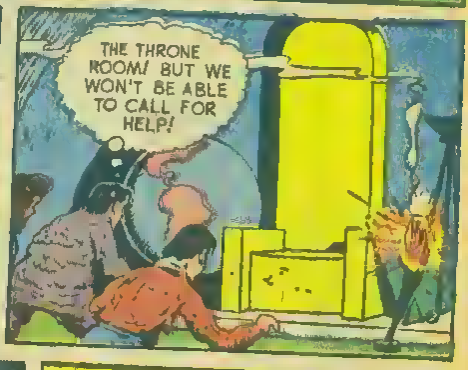
THE MARVEL FAMILY
BATTLES THE TENEMENT TERROR
CHAPTER THREE
THE LIVING NIGHTMARE
SCHMAZSHAM!
NO USE! OUR SOFTENED VOCAL CORDS JUST CAN'T BRING OUT THE WORDS RIGHT/ WE'RE TRAPPED!
COURAGE, KIDS! NOW, LET'S SEE? WHAT---UH-- DO I DO NEXT?
BILLY AND MARY BATSON AND FREDDY FREEMAN CONTINUE LOSING SHAPE, AS GAYLORD TINZBOROUGH TRIES TO REPAIR HIS MACHINE! ARE THE YOUNGSTERS CAUGHT IN AN UNEXPECTED "TRAP" FAR WORSE THAN ANY DEVISED BY AN EVIL MASTERMIND?
THE YOUNGSTERS FIND THEMSELVES IN A FRIGHTENING PREDICAMENT FOR WHICH THERE IS NO REMEDY!
OH, HEAVENS!

HOLY MOLEY! THIS IS AWFUL!
IT'LL TAKE HIM HOURS TO FIX THAT MACHINE! AND BY THEN WE'LL ALL MELT AWAY! WE'RE SUNK!
NO, WAIT! IN ANY EXTREME EMERGENCY, WE KIDS CAN ALWAYS SEEK THE HELP OF OLD SHAZAM, OUR WISE OLD MASTER, DOWN IN THE SECRET ABANDONED SUBWAY TUNNEL!
I'LL WAVE FOR THEM TO COME! WE MUST GET TO OLD SHAZAM! IT'S THE ONLY ANSWER TO THIS PROBLEM!
WHERE IS BILLY LEADING US? I'LL BET IT'S TO OLD SHAZAM!
HOWEVER, FREDDY FREEMAN FINDS HIMSELF CLUMSY, AND.....
HOLY MOLEY! THIS GETS WORSE BY THE MINUTE!
MURDER!
NOW WE'RE IN THE SAME CONDITION AS THE WHOLE SLUMS!

WE HAVE TO REACH OLD SHAZAM NOT ONLY TO SAVE OURSELVES, BUT ALSO THE SLUMS! ONCE WE CHANGE BACK TO THE MARVEL FAMILY, WE CAN REPAIR THE MACHINE QUICKLY FOR GAYLORD TINZBOROUGH!

STRUGGLING AWKWARDLY, THE THREE YOUNGSTERS FINALLY REACH THE SECRET ABANDONED SUBWAY TUNNEL LEADING TO THEIR MASTER!
AH, AT LAST!


BUT A NEW HORROR ADDS TO THEIR DILEMMA!
WE'RE IN THE ADVANCED STAGES OF MELTING AWAY NOW!
WE CAN HARDLY WALK! I HOPE WE MAKE IT TO THE THRONE!

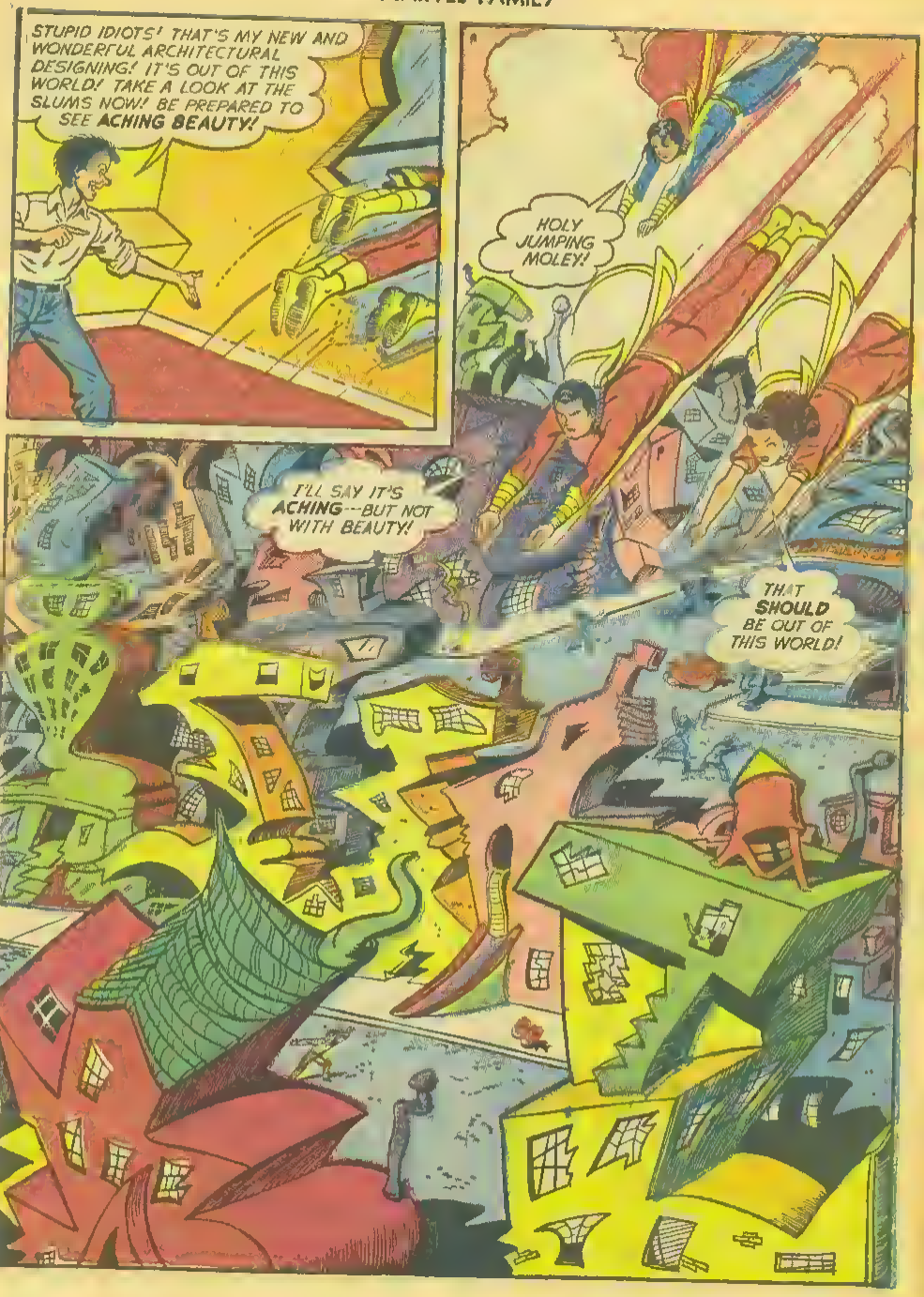

THE THRONE ROOM! BUT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO CALL FOR HELP!

BUT BILLY MAKES ONE LAST SUPREME EFFORT AND. .
I MADE IT!
I AM HERE, MY CHILDREN!

YOU MUST BE SAVED FROM YOUR HORRIBLE PLIGHT! MAGIC LIGHTNING! I COMMAND YOU!
THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN WIZARD HASTILY CALLS DOWN THE MAGIC LIGHTNING HE CONTROLS!
BOOM!

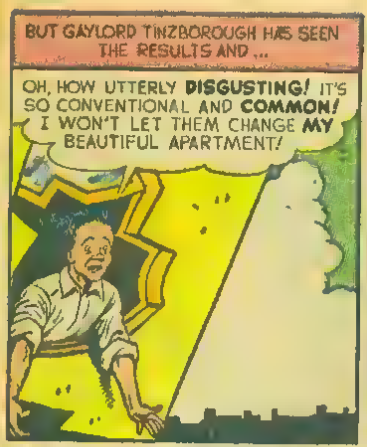
AND ONCE MORE, THE MIGHTY MARVEL FAMILY SPRINGS TO LIFE!
WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE! GAYLORD TINZBOROUGH MEANT NO HARM TO THE YOUNGSTERS, BUT HE UNWITTINGLY PUT THEM IN A MORE FRIGHTFUL TRAP THAN ANY RUTHLESS VILLAIN WE EVER FOUGHT!

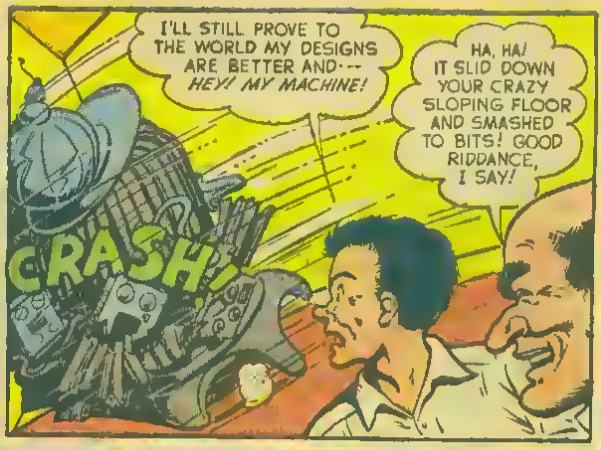
COME ON! WE'VE GOT TO REPAIR THAT MACHINE FOR TINZBOROUGH AND SAVE THE SLUMS FROM DISASTER!
I GOT THE MACHINE TOGETHER ALL RIGHT! BUT THE CONFOUNDED THING ONLY PLAYS MUSIC NOW, LIKE A RADIO! EGAD! WHAT'S WRONG?
ONE SIDE, CHUM! WE'LL FIX IT RIGHT!
BENDING THEIR KEEN MINDS TO THE TASK, THE MARVEL FAMILY SWIFTLY REPAIRS THE INTRICATE MACHINE!
ALL DONE! NOW YOU CAN STOP THE SLUMS MELTING AWAY AND RETURN THEM TO NORMAL!
NORMAL? DON'T BE SILLY!
NOW I'LL CARRY OUT MY ORIGINAL PLAN AND BEAUTIFY THE SLUMS! I'LL SET THE DIALS TO SEND OUT THE GREAT SHAPING RAY! WATCH HOW THIS BUILDING AND MY ROOMS CHANGE!
HOLY MOLEY! SOMETHING WENT WRONG! THE WALLS ARE ALL CROOKED AND THE FLOOR SLOPES DOWN!


STUPID IDIOTS! THAT'S MY NEW AND WONDERFUL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNING! IT'S OUT OF THIS WORLD! TAKE A LOOK AT THE SLUMS NOW! BE PREPARED TO SEE ACHING BEAUTY!
HOLY JUMPING MOLEY!
I'LL SAY IT'S ACHING---BUT NOT WITH BEAUTY!
THAT SHOULD BE OUT OF THIS WORLD!

HELP! WHAT'S HAPPENED? HALP!
AND LOOK WHAT SIMON MCPINCH'S HOUSE TURNED INTO---HEY! HE'S YELLING FOR HELP!
HOLY MOLEY! NO DOORS OR WINDOWS! GUESS WE JUST HAVE TO SMASH OUR WAY IN!
CRASH!
HALP!
THIS IS THE CRAZIEST OF ALL---A ROOM WITH A CURVING FLOOR!
THE MARVEL FAMILY! WHAT DID YOU TURN MY WONDERFUL HOME INTO? I'LL HAVE YOU JAILED---!
RELAX! WE DIDN'T DO IT! GAYLORD TINZBOROUGH DID! WE'LL SHOW YOU HIS MACHINE!
BEAUTIFUL! SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL! BE STILL, MY JOYFUL HEART!
BEAUTIFUL? LOOK HERE, GAYLORD!
ONE SIDE, PEASANT! AH, SIMON MCPINCH! YOU HAVE COME TO PAY ME FOR BEAUTIFYING YOUR SLUMS, OF COURSE! NOW PLEASE---I CAN'T ACCEPT MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS! NOT A PENNY MORE!
PAY YOU???
YOU MONSTER! YOU WRECKED MY PROPERTY! I'LL SMASH YOUR HORRIBLE MACHINE AND --- EH?
STOP, YOU FOOL!
WE NEED THE MACHINE TO SAVE THE SLUMS! I'LL RETURN THE SLUMS TO THEIR SOFT CONDITION AGAIN!
WHAT? BUT WHAT'S WRONG? DON'T YOU APPRECIATE MY GENIUS?

GENIUS? YOU SCATTER-BRAINED NITWIT! YOU DIDN'T IMPROVE THE SLUMS WITH YOUR CRACKPOT ULTRA-MODERN DESIGN! YOU RUINED THEM! NOW STAY PUT, WHILE WE GET TO WORK!
MCPINCH! KEEP HIM AWAY FROM THE MACHINE TILL WE'RE THROUGH! WE'LL FIX UP THE SLUMS RIGHT!
BAH! PEASANTS! PEONS! COMMONERS!
WITH THE MOLECULE MOLDER RAY ON, THE MARVEL FAMILY GOES TO WORK AS AN ARCHITECTURAL TEAM!
IT'S ALL SOFT AND PLIABLE AGAIN! WE CAN MOLD EVERYTHING THE WAY IT SHOULD BE!
SHOVE THIS WALL STRAIGHT!
IT'S FUN! IT'S LIKE WORKING WITH SOFT CLAY AND FORMING WHATEVER YOU WANT!
TINZBOROUGH HAD THE RIGHT IDEA---BUT THE WRONG APPROACH!
WORKING AT HIGH SPEED, THE MARVEL FAMILY SOON REMODELS THE ENTIRE TENEMENT DISTRICT!
DONE! LAST OF ALL, WE'LL FIX UP GAYLORD'S OWN ROOMS! THEN WE'LL TURN OFF THE MACHINE BEFORE IT ALL MELTS DOWN AGAIN!

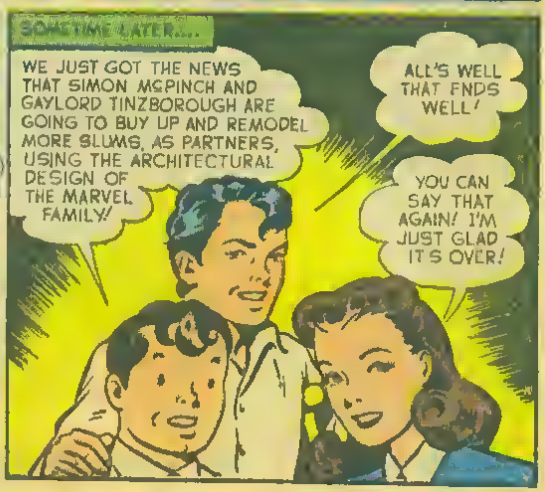

BUT GAYLORD TINZBOROUGH HAS SEEN THE RESULTS AND ...
OH, HOW UTTERLY **DISGUSTING!** IT'S SO CONVENTIONAL AND **COMMON!** I WON'T LET THEM CHANGE **MY** BEAUTIFUL APARTMENT!


I'LL STILL PROVE TO THE WORLD MY DESIGNS ARE BETTER AND--- *HEY! MY MACHINE!*
HA, HA! IT SLID DOWN YOUR CRAZY SLOPING FLOOR AND SMASHED TO BITS! GOOD RIDDANCE, I SAY!
CRASH!

HMM! YOU KNOW, IT **IS** CRAZY TO HAVE A SLOPING FLOOR! **NOW** I FIND OUT!
BETTER LATE THAN NEVER, GAYLORD! I THINK YOU'VE LEARNED A LESSON---THAT HOUSES ARE MADE TO **LIVE** IN, NOT **LOOK** AT!

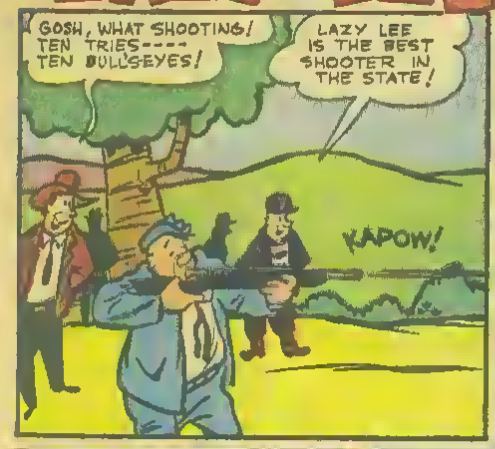
AND I THINK SIMON McPINCH IS LEARNING A LESSON, TOO! HE JUST GOT A PHONE CALL!
WHAT? YOU ARE SO HAPPY WITH YOUR NEW APARTMENT THAT YOU WANT A NEW LONG LEASE? AND YOU'RE WILLING TO PAY **MORE RENT???**

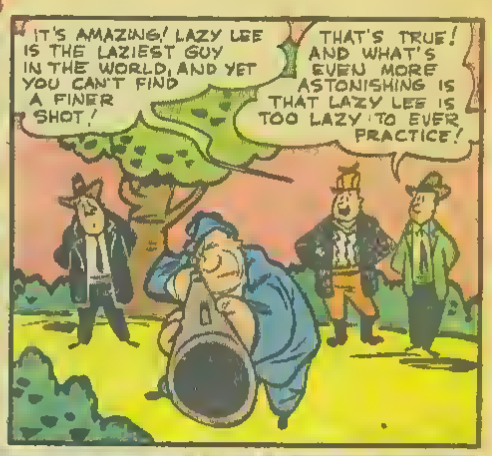
I NEVER IMPROVED MY BUILDINGS BEFORE BECAUSE IT COST MONEY! BUT NOW I SEE THAT IMPROVEMENTS BRING **MORE MONEY!** I INSIST NOW THAT YOU **GET PAID** FOR REMODELING MY PROPERTY!
OKAY, McPINCH! WE'LL DONATE IT TO CHARITY!

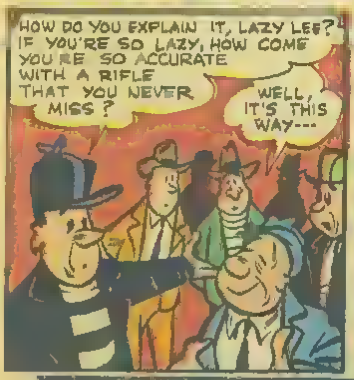

SOMETIME LATER....
WE JUST GOT THE NEWS THAT SIMON McPINCH AND GAYLORD TINZBOROUGH ARE GOING TO BUY UP AND REMODEL MORE SLUMS, AS PARTNERS, USING THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN OF THE MARVEL FAMILY!
ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! I'M JUST GLAD IT'S OVER!

LAZY LEE

DEAD EYE!




IT'S AMAZING! LAZY LEE IS THE LAZIEST GUY IN THE WORLD, AND YET YOU CAN'T FIND A FINER SHOT!
THAT'S TRUE! AND WHAT'S EVEN MORE ASTONISHING IS THAT LAZY LEE IS TOO LAZY TO EVER PRACTICE!



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